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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

I, Benjamin Englander, declare as follows:

1. I am the named inventor in the above-identified patent application, and make this Declaration in support of the patent application identified above, in particular in response to an Office Action dated June 14, 2004.
2. The mirror of the invention is particularly adapted for school buses, where the mirror needs to provide sharp and highly visible images of the ground in front of and alongside the school bus, where small children might dart about.
3. Each of the claims includes a mirror element having a contoured, convex and generally dome-shaped outer surface facing in a direction of a driver of a bus-type vehicle. A portion of the outer surface which comprises less than one half of the surface taken in the vertical direction and beginning in the uppermost position, and ending on a curve line which begins and ends on the peripheral edge is treated to reduce glare without rendering the treated surface opaque as to be non-reflective.
4. The outer surface of the mirror element is convex, and the position of the mirror assembly is typically mounted slightly below the plane where the driver's eyes are located. Because the mirror is convex, the bottom of the mirror provides images of the ground around the

bus, where children can roam, and the image must be as bright and clear as possible.

5. The treated portion is at the top one half or at least top one third of the mirror element to reduce glare despite the fact that it also reduces visibility.

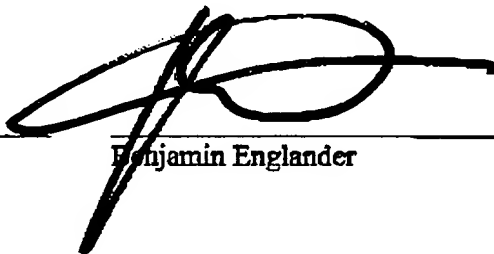
6. The mirror provides a single image of the space in front and alongside the bus, both at ground level and higher up. Yet the higher portion of the same image is less bright.

7. As an engineer in this industry for over ten years, and as Rosco's Vice President for Engineering, I believe and submit that the claimed anti-glare vehicular mirror is novel and unobvious.

8. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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